which internal resources can be raised provided they result in additional inflow of foreign exchange.

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Issue of Licences to Automobile Workshops

2540. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mass emission norms for vehicles soon" appearing in the Indian Express of February 23, 1991;

(b) the details of action taken on the various points brought out therein; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to licence all the automobile workshops in the country to ensure better servicing and upkeep of the vehicles given to them for servicing and repairs etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The action taken position on the various points raised in the Press Report is as follows :

(i) Apart from Automotive Research Association of India, Central Farm Machinery Testing and Training Institute and Vehicle Research and Development Establishment are also the authorised testing agencies. The testing agencies have confirmed that they have issued necessary certificates to the manufacturers after ensuring that the prototype of the vehicle conforms to the standards laid down in the Motor Vehicles Rules.

(ii) The responsibility for implementing the provisions relating to pollution control rests with the State Governments/Union Territories. The infrastructure is being gradually built up by the State Governments/Union Territories. Necessary equipments have to be purchased from indigenous sources and where ever necessary supplemented by imports.

(iii) All the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act/Rules, except a few, have already been brought into force.

(iv) As regards Mass Rapid Transit System, the Delhi Administration had engaged M/s RITES to take up a techno-economic feasibility study for the introduction of Mass Rapid Transit System for Delhi. The report was submitted to the Delhi Administration. The Govt. of India in consultation with the Delhi Administration have constituted a Steering Committee to take preparatory action.

(v) With a view to reduce lead content in the motor spirit, the Government have approved installation of catalytic reformers at Barauni and Digboi refineries as an effective measure towards pollution control.

(c) No, Sir.